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Latino Affairs Awardees Named

Des Moines, IA — The Commission of Latino Affairs has selected the awardees for the 2010 Robert D. Ray Iowa Latino Ambassador Award and the Mary Campos Award. The awards will be presented by the Commission at the [12th Annual Iowa Latino Conference](#) at West High School in Iowa City on October 16, 2010.

- **Robert D. Ray Latino Ambassador Award Recipient: Claudia Schabel**
She was voted President of ALIANZA Latino Business Association, and serves or has served as Vice President of Drake Neighborhood Association, Vice President of Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship committee, and as an at-large board member of Rebuilding Together of Greater Des Moines, amongst other committees where she volunteers her free time. Schabel, from Brazil, earned her undergraduate degree in International Relations from Drake University.
- **Mary Campos Award Recipient: Organizers of the Iowa Latino Conference**
Founded in 1998, the “Strengthening and Valuing Latin@ Communities in Iowa” conference strives to create a welcoming environment for people to come together to share stories and strategies to celebrate and strengthen Latin@ communities in Iowa. The “Iowa Latino Conference,” as it is known, has become a cherished gathering of Latinos and non-Latinos as a place to share knowledge, build skills, and enjoy community. The conference is sponsored by The University of Iowa School of Social Work and is organized by a statewide planning committee; literally hundreds of volunteers have served as planners, presenters, hosts, and on-site coordinators since the conference’s inception.

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